[Hey Missouri](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3_9RGjKB2nE&list=PLkFXQnAzKU78Hz2833mKnet48DwqAuPD7&index=17) by Dr. Lodge McCammon

Verse 1:  
Controlled by France, then Spain, then France again  
Napoleon, he made the call  
Three cents per acre, take it all  
Louisiana Purchase part of Jefferson's plan  
Then "Little Dixie" on the river, mostly Upper South men  
Started a slave state, part of the Compromise  
Honey War with Iowa for our northern Line  
St. Louis Massacre to stop a Confederate stand  
Guerrilla fighting on Missouri land  
  
Chorus:  
You're gonna have to show me  
I'm from Missouri  
I'm not convinced by "frothy eloquence"   
Lewis and Clark's Corps of Discovery  
From the Mississippi  
Open this "Gateway to the West"  
In Independence we begin on the Oregon Trail  
Or by pony we can quickly get the mail  
From St. Joseph to our settlers not close to the rail  
Hey Missouri - we're the 24th expansion tale  
  
Verse 2:  
Our named river runs west to east  
Across our middle giving salus  
Kansas City to St. Louis  
Yeah, Jefferson City in between  
North and west are rolling plains and our many streams  
South to the Ozarks a dissected plateau  
A midwest state where southern crops did grow  
The Platte Purchase - bought us - our windy piece  
North and west of Platte City (adding Platte City)  
  
Bridge:  
Tu-wheet-tudu  
A song the eastern bluebird will sing for you  
While the flowering dogwood has colors to choose  
Dogwood - has flowers to lose  
Tu-wheet-tudu  
This hawthorn - can grow twenty feet too  
So let the welfare of the people show us the truth  
And be the law that will guide us through  
  
Verse 3:  
Trade grew in St. Louis  
Filled Louisiana orders  
From our eastern river border  
After Civil War, an industrial boost  
Add manufacturing jobs to our - produce  
Railroads in Kansas City to the west  
A destination for cattle from Texas  
Built up highways - allowing the people to choose  
Their suburban avenues